

MDPB Minutes March 20, 2002

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, D. Stuchiner, P. Liebow, E. Smith

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Bill Zito, Rick Petrie, B. Dunwoody, Dan Paladino, Jeff Regis

Guests: P. Marcolini, David Trahan, T. Judge, N. Dinerman, R. Chagrasulis

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 01/16/02	none	Adopted	None.
<u>Old Business</u>			
1. Spinal Assessment	Discussion addressing the proposed QA program. Discussion addressing the package of information available for instructors for the course – a powerpoint lecture will be available as well as on the web.	None. Current action plan will send the program to ops.	None
2. Aeromedical Scene Activation	<p>Discussion addressed interests in changing current “by region” approval of activation of aeromedical service. Concerns have historically been overtriage rates by paramedics as well as emphasis of local medical control participation and notification. There has been some change since the last significant discussion at the MDPB, currently approximately 4 of the regions are practicing some form of direct aeromedical activation by ems.</p> <p>Some discussion of the perception of local emergency physicians and their desires to be involved versus not be involved – there appear to be advocates of both sides of this question.</p>	Much discussion over the process of resolution to regions that are not currently participating in direct activation: issues appear to be education of EMS providers, QA processes, and appropriate use.	<p>Burton and Bradshaw will attempt to craft break out session to explore potential resolutions of issues with interested parties, specifically, aeromedical representatives and regional directors.</p> <p>Scheduled conference for May 3, 2002 for Burton, Bradshaw and selected participants.</p>

	<p>Discussion addressing concerns that current paradigm has “less experienced” providers – fire, police, wardens – able to activate while restricting ems activation.</p> <p>Representatives from Lifeflight of Maine (LOM) and regions were available to discuss progress to date of aeromedical activation by paramedics.</p> <p>Medical vs. Trauma – discussion highlighted many concerns over medical patient activation as a distinct issue from trauma patient population.</p> <p>Elements of discussion addressing trauma plan and participation, Maine Medical Center LZ, LZs at other Maine hospitals, education of EMS providers for LZ and safety.</p>		
3. Epinephrine Legislation	<p>Legislature will likely pass resolution asking MDPB to review epinephrine availability for anaphylaxis concerns.</p> <p>Bradshaw commented that preliminary review suggests that approximately 88% of calls have epinephrine available in this setting.</p>	<p>MDPB will await further developments pending the legislative discussion/action. This is not a high priority for MDPB at this time re: changing licensing levels. However, resolution request from legislature would require a formal query and response.</p>	<p>None. <u>Agenda Item for May.</u></p>
4. Bio-terrorism	<p>Discussion addressing federal funding of state bioterrorism efforts and targets for this funding.</p>	<p>Maine EMS will continue to track this activity.</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>1. Enhanced EMT-I Review of need for ALS coverage.</p> <p>2. Solumedrol in PIFT</p>	<p>An issue confronting many communities is the proper utilization of paramedic services, particularly the sharing of this resource outlying services without paramedic coverage.</p> <p>Proposal to include direction in new protocol book to allow EMT-I to discuss the activation or lack thereof with medical control for paramedic need/utilization.</p> <p>Question addressing the need or importance for Solumedrol infusions for spinal injured patients – wrt the risk or issues with discontinuing the drip during PIFT.</p>	<p>Southern Maine will draft language and review with Burton. The MDPB agreed to this concept and to direct Maine EMS to review the proposed language.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Burton and Bradshaw will review language with So. Maine EMS.</p> <p>Burton will review this with trauma staff at MMC and report back to MDPB at next meeting – <u>Agenda item for May.</u></p>
<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None</p>			
<p>Next meeting 05/15/2002 (0930 - 1230)</p>			<p>April MDPB meeting will be cancelled due to spring school break.</p>